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AT SEPTEMBER 16 ITALIAN-AMERICAN FOUNDATION DINNER THAT
PERTAIN TO US-ITALIAN RELATIONS:

QUOTE: ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE A FIRM DEDICATION
TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND
LIBERTY. WE, IN AMERICA, VALUE THE ROLE OF ITALY IN THE
WORLD ITSELF, ITALY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE
AND ITALY'S CONTRIBUTION TO A STRONGER AND MORE COHESIVE
EUROPE, WORKING WITH THE UNITED STATES.

WE HAVE BEEN HEARING A LOT RECENTLY ABOUT THE NEW CHARACTER
OF SOME COMMUNIST PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE, THAT THEY
BELIEVE IN DEMOCRATIC MULTI-PARTY GOVERNMENT, THAT THEY AR
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INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST PARTIES WITH NO LOYALTIES OR

AFFILIATIONS BEYOND NATIONAL BORDERS.

LEST WE SUCCUMB TO THIS BEGUILING MESSAGE, I REMIND YOU THAT
WE WERE HEARING THESE SAME REASSURING MESSAGES FROM THE
HEADS OF COMMUNIST PARTIES IN EASTERN EUROPE RIGHT AFTER
WORLD WAR II. WE ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THESE PARTIES

ACTUALLY CAME INTO POWER IN THE LATE 1940S. IT IS A HIS-
TORY LESSON WE SHOULD NOT FORGET. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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